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Fifty-second Legislature – Second Regular Session

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COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Report of Special Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2016
House Hearing Room 4 -- 2:00 pm or upon adj. of floor

Convened 3:36 pm

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Adjourned 4:03 pm

Members Present

Mrs. Carter
Mr. Clark
Mr. Larkin
Mr. Weninger
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman

Members Absent

Agenda

Original Agenda – Attachment 1

Request to Speak

Report – Attachment 2

Presentations

Name

None

Organization

Attachments (Handouts)

Committee Action

Bill

Action

Vote

Attachments

(Summaries,
Amendments, Roll Call,
Attendance)

HB2017 DP

5-0-0-1

3, 4

HB2049 DP

6-0-0-0

5, 6

HB2084 DP

6-0-0-0

7, 8

HB2121 DP

6-0-0-0

9, 10

Committee

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Attendance



Marshall Pimentel, Chairman Assistant

Monday, February 01, 2016

(Original attachments on file in the Office of the Chief Clerk; video archives available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)

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Members:

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Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman

With permission of the Speaker pursuant to Rule 9C7

Bills	Short Title	Strike Everything Title
HB2017	<u>DP</u> signs; early voting; removal (Stevens)	
	<u>5-0-0-1</u> ELECT, RULES	
HB2049	<u>DP</u> municipal, precinct office; online signatures (Stevens)	
	<u>6-0-0-0</u> ELECT, RULES	
HB2084	<u>DP</u> voter registration records; death records (Stevens)	
	<u>6-0-0-0</u> ELECT, RULES	
HB2121	<u>DP</u> clean elections; voter education (Petersen)	
	<u>6-0-0-0</u> ELECT, RULES	

ORDER OF BILLS TO BE SET BY THE CHAIRMAN

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1/20/16

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Information Registered on the Request to Speak System

House Elections (1/28/2016)

HB2017, signs; early voting; removal

Support:

Thomas Woodrow, representing self

Neutral:

Eric Spencer, AZ SECRETARY OF STATE; Tom Belshe, League Of Arizona Cities And Towns

Oppose:

Erin Roper, representing self

All Comments:

Erin Roper, Self: The City of Kingman believes it is intrusive to require political signs that oppose the adjacent property owners' views to remain posted in the immediate rights-of-way of a person's property, and that extending the time for the signs creates clutter.

HB2049, municipal, precinct office; online signatures

Support:

Thomas Woodrow, representing self; Eric Orrill, representing self; Eric Spencer, AZ SECRETARY OF STATE

HB2084, voter registration records; death records

Support:

Thomas Woodrow, representing self; Jose Borrajero, representing self; Janelle Solomon, representing self; Lyle Tuttle, representing self; Tom Holding, representing self; Christine Maceri Genge, representing self; Richard Rutkowski, representing self; Richard Hofelich, representing self; Dennis Genge, representing self; Eric Orrill, representing self; martha hayes, representing self; J.R. Morris, representing self; Sandi Bartlett, representing self; Eric Spencer, AZ SECRETARY OF STATE; John Baunoch, representing self

Neutral:

Shannon Whiteaker, AZ DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES

Oppose:

Zaida Dedolph, representing self; Paige Wambold, representing self; Kirin Goff, representing self; Joshua Huggins, representing self

All Comments:

J.R. Morris, Self: I strongly encourage passage of this bill.; John Baunoch, Self: I encourage you to vote in favor of this bill. It is common sense to remove deceased people from the voter rolls. All possibilities of voter fraud, no matter how small, should be addressed.; Zaida Dedolph, Self: This bill is a solution in search of a problem. Pursuing this would effort be an unnecessary waste of government time and resources.; Paige Wambold, Self: This bill is an unnecessary exercise. It's a solution in search of a problem, and pursuing this effort would be an unnecessary expense of government time and resources.; Kirin Goff, Self: This bill is an unnecessary exercise. It's a solution in search of a problem, and pursuing this effort would be an unnecessary expense of government time and resources.

HB2121, clean elections; voter education

Support:

Samantha Pstross, AZ ADVOCACY NETWORK; Sam Wercinski, representing self; Sam Wercinski, Arizona Advocacy Network; Makenzie Kundrat, representing self; Robyn Prud'homme-Bauer, representing self; Thomas Collins, Arizona Citizens Clean Elections Commission; Jeremy Arp, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, ARIZONA CHAPTER; Rivko Knox, representing self; Gini McGirr, League of Women Voters of Arizona, Legislative Chair, representing self; Carol Maas, representing self; Bill Gates, representing self; Joseph Guzman, representing self; Belinda Escalante, representing self; William Kip, representing self; Jerry Landau, Arizona Judicial Council; Diane E. Brown, AZ PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (AZ PIRG); Zaida Dedolph, representing self; Paige Wambold, representing self; Kirin Goff, representing self; Joshua Huggins, representing self; Sam Richard, PROTECTING ARIZONA'S FAMILY COALITION

All Comments:

Samantha Pstross, AZ ADVOCACY NETWORK: .; Makenzie Kundrat, Self: Bill expands information available to the voters.; Rivko Knox, Self: Great idea. The public is already familiar with the Clean Elections Commission candidate booklet so it's natural for it to expanded to cover judicial elections.; Gini McGirr, Self: Please vote Yes on HB2121 to allow the Clean Elections Commission to spend monies for voter education on judicial evaluations and retention elections.; Carol Maas, Self: We need to involve more people in their civic duty of voting. Whatever education that can be provided should be available so citizens can be heard though the ballot box. An educated voter is a better voter and we all benefit from that.; Bill Gates, Self: The more information we can provide voters on the candidates and the issues, the better our democracy functions. I would think there would be bipartisan agreement on that concept. Clean Elections voter guides have been outstanding, by the way!; Belinda Escalante, Self: I believe that the C.E. should have the right to educate voters. This entity is very important and I do thing that who is running clean should be included in the literature. I think the citizens of AZ. deserve to know who is running for off. via C.E.; Zaida Dedolph, Self: This bill would provide voters with easier access to candidate information, including judicial performance evaluations. I support this measure as it would provide more information to the electorate.; Paige Wambold, Self: This bill will provide voters with easier access to candidate information, including judicial performance evaluations. I support this measure as it would provide more information to the electorate.; Kirin Goff, Self: This bill would provide voters with easier access to candidate information, including judicial performance evaluations. I support this measure as it would provide more information to the electorate.; Sam Richard, PROTECTING ARIZONA'S FAMILY COALITION: This bill would increase access to candidate information, and allow voters to more easily access judicial performance reviews.



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HB 2017

signs; early voting; removal

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevens, LD 14

X Committee on Elections

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

HB 2017 prohibits tampering with any political sign or printed materials and establishes an earlier date for the lawful display of political signs.

PROVISIONS

1. Prescribes a Class 2 misdemeanor (up to four months in jail, fine of \$750 plus surcharges) for knowingly removing, altering, defacing or covering any political sign, mailer, handout, flyer or other printed material rather than limiting it to those of any candidate for public office.
2. Modifies the timeframe for when it is a criminal offense to tamper with political signs or printed materials from 45 to 86 days before the primary election date.
3. Increases the timeframe, from 60 to 86 days before an election, in which municipalities and counties are prohibited from tampering with any political sign if specified requirements are met.
4. Defines *political sign*.
5. Makes technical changes.

CURRENT LAW

It is a Class 2 misdemeanor for any person to knowingly remove, alter, deface or cover a candidate's political signs, mailers, handouts, flyers or other printed materials that are delivered by hand to a residence beginning 45 days before the primary election and ending 7 days after the general election. Candidates and their agents may remove their political signs at any time. Private property owners are also exempt from penalties if they remove political signs from their own property. Municipalities and counties are authorized to immediately relocate political signs if it is deemed that the placement constitutes an emergency or if placed 60 days before the primary election or left 15 days after the general election (A.R.S. § 16-1019).

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON _____ ELECTIONS _____ BILL NO. HB 2017

DATE January 28, 2016 MOTION: OP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Carter					✓
Mr. Clark		✓			
Mr. Larkin		✓			
Mr. Weninger		✓			
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED: _____

MICHELLE B. UGENTI-RITA, Chairman
JAVAN D. MESNARD, Vice-Chairman

Marshall Pimental
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 4



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HB 2049

municipal, precinct office; online signatures
Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevens, LD 14

X Committee on Elections

Caucus and COW

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OVERVIEW

HB 2049 requires the Secretary of State (SOS) to provide an online system for the collection of nomination petition signatures beginning January 1, 2017.

PROVISIONS

1. Requires the SOS to provide a system through a secure internet portal for qualified electors to sign a nomination petition for candidates for city or town office and the office of precinct committeemen.
2. Requires the system to:
 - a. allow only eligible qualified electors to sign the nomination petition;
 - b. provide a method to verify the elector's identity; and
 - c. provide for the SOS to transmit those filings to the officer in charge of elections for the appropriate office.
3. Allows the candidate to choose to collect up to the minimum number of required nomination petition signatures electronically.
4. Becomes effective January 1, 2017.

CURRENT LAW

Nomination petition is defined as the form or forms used for obtaining the required number of signatures of qualified electors, circulated by or on behalf of the person wishing to become a candidate for a political office (A.R.S. § 16-314). The SOS is required to provide a system for qualified electors to sign a nomination petition for statewide and legislative candidates by way of a secure internet portal. The system must: 1) allow only those qualified electors who are eligible to sign the nomination petition; and 2) provide a method for the qualified elector's identity to be properly verified. Statewide and legislative candidates may choose to collect up to an amount equal to ½ of the number of required signatures by use of the online signature collection system (A.R.S. § 16-316). Each signer can sign only one nomination petition for the same office unless more than one candidate is to be elected to such office (A.R.S. § 16-321).

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ROLL CALL VOTE

COMMITTEE ON _____ ELECTIONS _____ BILL NO. HB 2049

DATE January 28, 2016 MOTION: DP

	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Carter		✓			
Mr. Clark		✓			
Mr. Larkin		✓			
Mr. Weninger		✓			
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED: _____

MICHELLE B. UGENTI-RITA, Chairman
JAVAN D. MESNARD, Vice-Chairman

Marshall Pimentel
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 6



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2084

voter registration records; death records

Prime Sponsor: Representative Stevens, LD 14

X Committee on Elections

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

Requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS) to annually provide the Secretary of State (SOS) with access to the statewide system of death records for comparison against the Statewide Voter Registration Database (Database).

PROVISIONS

1. Requires DHS to annually provide the SOS with access to the statewide system of all records of all deaths.
2. Allows the SOS to compare the death records with the Database.
3. Makes technical changes.

CURRENT LAW

Each month DHS is required to transmit to the SOS all records of death of every resident 16 years of age and older reported to DHS within the preceding month without charge. The SOS must use the death records for the sole purpose of canceling the names of the deceased from the Database. The name of each deceased person must promptly be canceled from the Database and the SOS must notify the appropriate county recorder for cancellation of the name from the county's general register (A.R.S. § 16-165).

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	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Carter		✓			
Mr. Clark		✓			
Mr. Larkin		✓			
Mr. Weninger		✓			
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED: _____

Michelle B. Ugenti-Rita
MICHELLE B. UGENTI-RITA, Chairman
JAVAN D. MESNARD, Vice-Chairman

Marshall Piment
COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 8



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 2121

clean elections; voter education

Prime Sponsor: Representative Petersen, LD 12

X Committee on Elections

Caucus and COW

House Engrossed

OVERVIEW

HB 2121 authorizes the Citizens Clean Elections Commission (Commission) to spend monies on voter education.

PROVISIONS

1. Allows the Commission, as part of their voter education functions, to spend monies on any of the following:
 - a. publish federal, state and county candidate statements in the Commission Voter Education Guide (Guide);
 - b. engage in voter education of the judicial performance evaluations and reports; and
 - c. engage in voter education of statewide ballot measures.
2. Contains a Proposition 105 Clause.
3. Makes technical changes.

CURRENT LAW

The Commission consists of five members, no more than two of whom are members of the same political party or residents of the same county (A.R.S. § 16-955). The Commission is required to publish and deliver a Guide to every household that contains a registered voter prior to each primary and general election. The Guide includes a space of predefined size for a message chosen by each candidate for every statewide and legislative office, without regard to whether the candidate is a participating or nonparticipating candidate. If a message is not submitted by a candidate, the listing is required to include "no statement submitted" (A.R.S. § 16-956).

The Supreme Court is required to: 1) adopt and administer a process established by court rules for evaluating judicial performance for all justices and judges who file a declaration to be retained in office; and 2) disseminate the evaluation reports to voters (Arizona Constitution, Article VI § 42).

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	PASS	AYE	NAY	PRESENT	ABSENT
Mrs. Carter		✓			
Mr. Clark		✓			
Mr. Larkin	✓	✓			
Mr. Weninger		✓			
Mr. Mesnard, Vice-Chairman		✓			
Ms. Ugenti-Rita, Chairman		✓			
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APPROVED:


MICHELLE B. UGENTI-RITA, Chairman
JAVAN D. MESNARD, Vice-Chairman


COMMITTEE SECRETARY

ATTACHMENT 10

